फिलहाल किसी समिति के गठित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

निदेशालय का सृजन, एम आर टी पी अधिनियम, 1969 के अन्तर्गत करारों के पंजीकरण तथा प्रतिबंधित, अनुचित एवं एकाधिकारिक व्यापार प्रथाओं की प्रारम्भिक जांचों के लिए किया गया है। व्यापारिक करारों के पंजीकरण के लिए प्रतिबन्धित खंडों सहित पंजीकरण संबंधी कार्य उस कार्यालय द्वारा एम आर टी पी अधिनियम, 1969 की धारा 35 के अन्तर्गत पूरा किया जाता है। वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान पंजीकरण एवं जांच महानिदेशालय ने एम आर टी पी अधिनियम, 1969 की धारा 35 के अन्तर्गत 8 कम्पनियों/उपक्रमों द्वारा फाइल किए गए 32 करारों का पंजीकरण किया है। ऐसे करारों की जांच के बाद, इन करारों के निबंधन और शर्तों का अनुपालन न किए जाने पर प्रतिबंधित व्यापार प्रथाओं की जांच के लिए अधिनियम की धारा 10(क)(iii) के अन्तर्गत 9 आवेदन एम आर टी पी आयोग के समक्ष फाइल किए गए हैं।

Pending Applications for Appointment of Notary Public

2577. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for appointment as Notary Public pending at present and what procedure is being followed in the processing of the same;

(b) whether the requirement for Notary Public in village Baghapurana, District Moga, Punjab has been brought to his notice by some MPs and if so, what action has been taken by Government on the demand;

(c) the details of the applications pending in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs for the purpose stated in para (b); and

(d) by when the appointment would be done to mitigate hardship of the local people?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) About 781 applications for appointment as Notary Public are under consideration. As regards procedure, Notaries are appointed under the Notaries Act, 1952. The norms for appointment of a Notary are prescribed under the Notaries Rules, 1956, under which an Advocate having 10 years of practice may apply for appointment as Notary on the prescribed form (memorial), which has to be countersigned by persons of locality including a Magistrate, a Bank Manager, a Merchant & other local residents. Thereafter, the Competent Authority examines the application and may ascertain from State Bar Council, Bar Association and other authority in the area where the applicant poses to practise as Notary, the objections, if any, to the appointment of the applicant as Notary. The applicant is also given an opportunity of hearing against the objections, if any. After considering of the objections and the various factors mentioned in rule 7 of the Notaries Rules, 1956, a decision to recommend appointment or rejection of the applicant is taken by the Competent Authority.

(b) to (d) As per records, only one application for appointment as Notary Public moved by Shri Inderjit Nohria, Village Baghapurana,Dist. Moga, Punjab is pending, which has already been processed. Views of the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana and the State Government are awaited. Further action for appointment of the applicant as Notary Public will be taken on receipt of their views.

Issuance of Photo Identity Cards to Voters

2578. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minsiter of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States and Union-Territories which have issued photo identity cards to all of their voters;

(b) the States/UTs which have issued photo cards to more than 50 percent of their voters;

(c) the names of States/UTs which are lagging behind in the work of issuing of these cards and have issued such cards to less than 50 per cent of their voters; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure issuing of these within a stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (d) The scheme of issue of Photo Identity Cards is an on-going scheme as the number of electors in the electoral rolls keeps changing due to continuous addition/ deletion of names in it. It is, therefore, not feasible to lay down a deadline for issue of Photo Identity Cards to all electors. The progress made on implementation of the scheme is continuously monitored by the Election Commissin of India.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Status Report on Progress of Electors Photo I-Cards

Position as on 30.11.98

	State/UT	Total Electros	No. of Electors with Defect-free Identity Card	Percentage of 3 to 2
1.	Anddhra Pradesh	49140231	32544932	66.23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh %	565278	363143	64.24
3.	Assam *	12575854	67479	0.54
4.	Bihar $	58438317	21681836	37.10
5.	Goa %	878707	525575	59.81
6.	Gujarat %	28771198	23177051	80.56
7.	Haryana %	10957242	9513347	86.82
8.	Himachal Pradesh %	3582024	2640398	73.7
9.	Karnataka %	33052802	24046881	72.75
10.	Kerala %	21152899	12413104	58.68
11.	Madhya Pradesh $	43919010	27282131	62.12
12.	Maharashtra	56173068	43556045	77.53
13.	Manipur	1330299	1033733	77.70
14.	Meghalaya £	1157450	644140	55.65
15.	Mizoram °	441844	0	0
16.	Nagaland &	925831	560207	63.00
17.	Orissa %	23373512	18127529	77.56
18.	Punjab %	15310889	10681780	69.77

	State/UT	Total Electros	No. of Electors with Defect-free Identity Card	Percentage of 3 to 2
19.	Rajasthan £	29738496	18743095	63.03
20.	Sikkim %	236321	200077	84.66
21.	Tamil Nadu %	45577323	19755955	45.00
22.	Tripura	1725809	1213154	70.29
23.	Uttar Pradesh	101943066	53017467	52.01
24.	West Bengal £	46832298	34389847	73.43
25.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands £	231928	177810	76.67
26.	Chandigarh %	533222	375406	70.4
27.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	95832	63650	66.47
28.	Daman & Diu ‡	71931	45645	63.00
29.	NCT of Delhi &	8313868	5705390	68.62
30.	Lakshadweep %	36738	31032	84.47
31.	Pondicherry %	665486	555675	83.50
	ALL INDIA	597748773	363133515	60.75

NOTE: $ 15.4.98, * 15.5.98, ‡ 15.8.98, & 30.8.98, £ 30.9.98, % 31.10.98
* In Mizoram the work has not yet commenced.
In J & K, Scheme not notified under Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

Right to choose time and place of death as a fundamental right

2579. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a writ petition has been filed in the Kerala High Court seeking legal pronouncement to the effect that provisions of FR should include the right to choose one's time and place of death;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Hon'ble High Court has issued notices to the Union and the State Governments in the matter;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government would consider making necessary provisions in the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present, the matter is sub-judice.

Eligibility to Contest Elections

2580. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have caused any opinion polls in view of the statement